

## **1993 Berlin, Germany**

1st EFNS Meeting, Berlin, Germany, 8 - 11 December 1993

### **Dear colleagues and friends,**

on behalf of the local organizing committee it is my pleasure to invite you to the 1993 meeting of the EFNS in Berlin.

The meeting is being organized by the Department of Neurology of the Charite, Berlin Humboldt University Medical School. The Charite has written medical history since its foundation in 1710 and can pride itself of names like Rudolf Virchow, Robert Koch, and Ferdinand Sauerbruch. German neurology was brought to international reputation by physicians like Wilhelm Griesinger, Carl Westphal, Karl Bonhoeffer and Friedrich Jolly. The Charite is more than any other institution a symbol for the changes that have occurred during the last two centuries. Once a leading academic institution within Europe, it is now looking for a new orientation in the international field of medical sciences.

We have to consider the economic situation in East European countries. Therefore we are going to try to run this congress on a lower budget than usual, with hotels and venues that provide adequate equipment on an economical basis. We would like to replace expensive meetings with a less costly alternative while at the same time creating a more personal and private atmosphere.

To warrant highest scientific level we have decided to invite a restricted number of leading international authorities and to provide adequate time for questions and discussion and thus hopefully making the meeting a more lively scientific event.

We also feel that the oral presentation of free communications frequently does not allow an adequate appreciation of the contribution. Therefore we regard the poster presentation as an essential and integral part of the meeting.

Together with the most scientific results of basic and clinical research, we also offer tutorials for small groups run by experienced clinicians to provide an update of the state of the art as well as practical advice.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Berlin.

Professor Dr. K. M. Einhäupl  
Meeting President

### **Dear Friends and Colleagues,**

It is one of the aims of the European Federation of Neurological Societies to promote the development of neurology in Europe by providing up-to-date information on progress in clinical and basic research in the neurosciences. There was general agreement at the Council of Delegates in Lausanne in June 1992 that the interval until the first main EFNS Congress, scheduled to take place in Marseille in September 1995, would be too long and it was, therefore, decided to have a meeting two years prior to the main EFNS event.

We cordially invite all of you to join us in Berlin for 1993 EFNS Meeting, organized under the chairmanship of Professor K. Einhäupl, head of the neurological department of the Charite.

Berlin, the outstanding example for the bread-down of barriers between East and West, is a most appropriate venue for a meeting of the EFNS, which gives top priority to the strengthening of relations between neurologists from Eastern and Western European countries.

The scientific programme includes three symposia and two workshops during which internationally well-known experts will share with us their knowledge and expertise. You are invited to present the results of your scientific work in the form of posters, and a considerable amount of time will be devoted to discussion of the posters. In particular we want to draw your attention to the tutorials offering the possibility to get acquainted with most recent developments in very specialized fields.

The Local Committee will organize a social programme providing ample opportunity to talk with old friends and to make new ones.

We war looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable meeting in Berlin and hope that very many of you will be with us.

Prof. Dr. Franz Gerstenbrand  
EFNS President